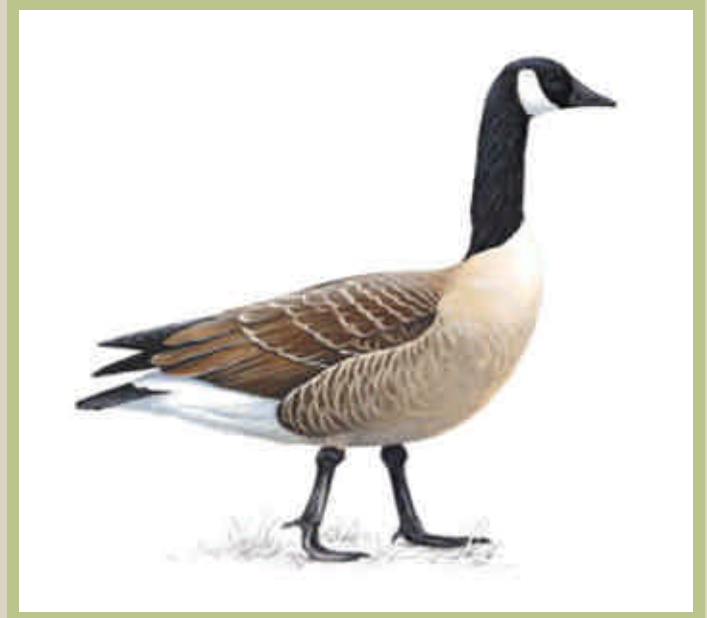


The Bird Flu: Quick Facts

- Bird Flu rarely affects people, it is a bird virus that kills birds.
- There has never been a case of the highly pathogenic H5N1 Asian bird flu in North America or New Jersey and there are no records that anyone in North America has ever caught the virus from a wild bird.
- There is no known problem with hunting or eating wild birds.
- Follow the guidelines below when handling birds.

Guidelines for Safely Handling Birds

- Use rubber gloves when cleaning birds.
- Keep your hands away from your face and mouth when handling birds.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when handling birds.
- Cook or smoke any birds until they reach an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Cook birds in the oven at a minimum temperature of 325 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash and disinfect knives, hands and work area after handling birds.
- Do not handle diseased or dead birds.



We need your help monitoring New Jersey's wild bird populations.

If you see diseased or dead birds do not approach or handle them.

To report diseased or dead birds please contact the US Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services at

1-866-4-USDA-WS.

Thank you for your help.

Visit our website at
www.NJfishandWildlife.com
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